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PUBLIC UTILITIES COMMISSION

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ASHLAND WATER & SEWER DISTRICT  
Revision to Terms and Conditions

ORDER APPROVING  
TERMS & CONDITIONS  
AND EXEMPTION FROM  
CHAPTER 86, § 7(B)

WELCH, Chairman; NUGENT and DIAMOND, Commissioners

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**SUMMARY**

The Commission approves the Ashland Water & Sewer District (District) Terms and Conditions and grants an exemption (from Chapter 86, § 7(B) to permit a \$10 collection trip fee for non-residential customers.

**BACKGROUND AND DECISION**

On May 23, 2001, the District filed with the Commission, pursuant to 35-A M.R.S.A. § 307, proposed revisions to its schedule of Terms and Conditions consisting of Pages 1 through 6, all Original. The revisions were proposed to become effective on June 22, 2001.

The Commission Staff reviewed the proposed Terms and Conditions with the District and suggested several minor changes. The District subsequently filed, on June 8, 2001, further revisions to the proposed schedule of terms and conditions.

We have now reviewed the revised Terms and Conditions and find them to be acceptable. We note, however, that the proposed revision includes a \$10.00 collection trip fee that, although acceptable, is inconsistent with the \$5.00 limit established in § 7(B) of Chapter 86 of the Commission's Rules, Disconnection and Deposit Regulations for Non-Residential Utility Service. We agree that the collection trip fee for residential and non-residential customers should be consistent, and will grant the District an exemption from 65-407 CMR 86.7(B).

Accordingly, we

**ORDER**

1. That the Ashland Water & Sewer District is hereby granted an exemption from Chapter 86 § 7(B), that will allow the District to collect a \$10.00 collection trip fee from non-residential customers; and
2. That the Ashland Water & Sewer District schedule of Terms and Conditions, consisting of Pages 1 through 6 – all First Revision, filed on June 8, 2001, is hereby approved to become effective for service rendered on or after June 18, 2001.

Dated at Augusta, Maine, this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June 2001.

BY ORDER OF THE COMMISSION

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Dennis L. Keschl  
Administrative Director

COMMISSIONERS VOTING FOR:    Welch  
   Diamond

COMMISSIONERS ABSENT        Nugent

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